



# Afro-American Courier

OUR MOTTO: "LET DOWN YOUR BUCKET WHERE YOU ARE"

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## OUR LETTER BASKET.

Dear Editor: Just a few words. We are few in number but we wish to say something about our Lodge No. 40. We are striving to do all we can in the name of the Lord to reach the top. At the death of my husband, I thank the Custodian who sent me a check for four hundred and fifty-six (\$456.00) dollars. I pray God's blessings on him that he will live long to do the work.

J. A. ARMSTRONG, F. S.  
MARY SMITH, Pres.  
IDA McCALL, V. Pres.

Marks, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in the paper to say a few words about Sabino Lodge, No. 451. This is the first time that we will appear on the scene. I wish to say we are sixty-seven strong and have a sweet resident and a band of good followers. We cannot say too much about this grand old Order. It is our prayer that Cousin Tom in the minds of the people after his death as Abe Lincoln does, because he brought to us a great movement that our children's children would know about. So may the Lord bless this great Order. May He be a lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway. Your for the Order,  
F. D. HAWKINS, Pres.  
J. M. McCLELLAN, F. S.

Mark, Miss., Feb. 1, 1930.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in the wonderful paper to say a word about New Hope Lodge, No. 175. I love the Lodge. I was one of the first to join when it was set up in June 1927. So I am living at Marks now. I have moved away from my Lodge. I am lonesome up here. I would love to meet some of the Afros and the W. O. U. I received a letter from Brother C. L. Page, State Agent, who told of his work in Louisiana and South Mississippi. He has my cheer, one, two, three, four, from the whole family.  
HENRIETTA THOMAS.

Doddsville, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow a small space in The Courier to say a few words of Walker's Chapel Lodge, No. 291. We are still growing stronger in numbers. We have a loyal set of Afros and they are doing their part. We have had one operation, and one death. Our good sister, Alston, was also a good christian as well as a good Afro. I must say she had finished her course and went to her reward.  
P. H. HARDY, Pres.

Eden, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in The Courier to say a few words for Lodge, No. 127. We are few in number, but like the old preacher who said in his text one time, "you may cut off the flag, but we are going to carry the staff to God." I am two years old in the Order and expect to go on until my Maker calls me. Our Custodian is so kind until he is loved by both races, and what I love about him, he is a christian man. May the Lord bless him and let him continue this mighty work for he is doing a good work. We are few but strong for our chain has never been broken. I have visited the hospital several times to my surprise we have the finest hospital I have ever witnessed. Oh, I thought I was in the King's palace. I am making every effort to help Brother Stuckey, our Secretary. He is the man and his good little wife being the President, is always making her home and our Lodge worth while. I am a member of The Afro-American Workman Insurance Society, of Washington, D. C., and wouldn't drop either one for my weight in gold, unless Uncle Sam stopped making money. Please excuse me for such a long letter. I am, fraternally yours,  
G. S. GORDON, Reporter.  
SARAH STUCKEY, Pres.  
E. S. STUCKEY, F. S.

Morgan City, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in The Courier to say a word about our Lodge, Morgan Chapel, No. 109. We want to first thank our Heavenly Father for bringing us safely through the year 1929, and this far in 1930; and too, I want to let you know we are Afros out here on this lonely little spot. We mean to reach the highest post of elevation with God to help us. We are but few in number, but are coming forward. We don't mean to let our flag trail in the dust, but we want to hold it high so all can see and know what we are doing, if we only could get the colored people all to see what this great and noble organization means to every colored man, woman, boy or girl. But in some sections, we just can't get them to understand the real meaning of being an Afro; but the day will come when they will consider and it may be too late. Now I pray God's blessings upon every Afro in the world and ask all to remember these few Afros over in Morgan City. We cannot say enough for our Custodian, "Cousin Tom" and our good Dr. Miller. I pray that they may live long to carry out the work God has for them to do in regards to falling humanity. We are expecting more Afros in the future than we did in the past. We mean to meet the Grand Lodge at Hattiesburg this year to help put the program over. Yours for better service,  
FANNIE MAE REED, F. S.  
VIRGINIA REED, R. C.  
BRO. J. D. PATTERSON, Pres.

Richey, Miss., Feb. 10, 1930.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in our paper to say a word for St. James' Lodge, No. 559. We are still striving for the top of the hill and can say we have a lovely little band of members, in spite of the fact that many of them have moved away. By the help of God and our good "Cousin Tom" and all of the good men and women of the Afros, we are praying to reach the top.  
SIS. M. E. ROSS, F. S.  
SIS. IDA JONES, R. S.  
L. B. BROOKS, Pres.

Doddsville, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in the Courier to say a few words for Billfield Lodge, No. 405. In spite of the inclement weather, our Lodge is still moving onward and upward. The Lord has blessed us thus far and has spared us to see the opening of another new year. We have a very good number of loyal members and officers who are always at their post of duty and mean to stand by this organization. We are trying to do all we can to keep the spirit of the Afros alive and also encourage other Negro men and women to become members of the Afros. We highly appreciated the service rendered to Sis-

ter Hattie Tims and Brother Tom Parker by our kind-hearted Dr. L. T. Miller while they were at the hospital. Sister Tims looks the very picture of health. Look up, lift up, all for Christ. May God bless all the leaders of the Afros. Fraternally yours,  
SIS. M. E. STARKS, Reporter.  
SIS. MARY BROWN, F. S.  
SIS. WILLIE HUDSON, Pres.

Stovall, Miss., Jan. 27, 1930.—Dear Editor: Please allow space for a young Juvenile Circle, No. 88, since this is our first time to attempt to say anything. On Sept. 24, 1929, we started out with sixteen little members. The Lord has blessed us with twenty-eight. I am striving with all my might and strength to help put the program over and to make strong men and women like our Custodian, Mr. T. J. Huddleston. May God bless him for organizing such a great institution for the Negro race.  
SIS. MARY WILSON, Juvenile Mother.  
SIS. IRENE FLAGG, Queen Daughter.  
SIS. WEALTHY JOHNSON, R. S.

Drew, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow space to say a few words about New Zion Lodge, No. 243. We are few in number but by the help of God we are trying to get to the top of the hill. May God bless our leaders.  
BRO. T. L. WEST, Pres.  
SIS. EUGENE SMITH, R. S. C.  
BRO. WILLIE WALKER, F. S. C.  
REV. T. C. CHISOLM, Chaplain.

Yazoo City, Miss., Feb. 8, 1930.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in The Courier for a few words for Beulah Land Lodge, No. 156. We held our installation on Feb. 6. Rev. G. W. Brown preached the installation sermon. His text was taken from Matthew 21:9. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Collection, \$15.96. We donated Rev. Brown \$3.00.  
JIM MACK, Pres.  
MARY BURNETT, V. Pres.  
J. A. HUNTER, F. S.  
MILTON STEWARD, C. S.  
HATTIE MACK, Treas.

## CARD OF THANKS.

I desire personally to thank each person, church and lodge who assisted in any way during the illness of my father and also during my hours of bereavement. I feel very grateful to the ministers who spoke so kindly of my father; also to those who gave flowers and to those who through the inclement weather attended the last sad rites.  
Signed: REV. A. G. THURMAN.  
443 N. Main St., Liberty, Mo.

Canton, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in the columns of your paper to say a few words for Lodge No. 231. We are still on an upward march with the Lord's help. I have written sixty-eight members for the month of January, and am striving to make it one hundred by March 15. We are growing by leaps and bounds. Afros, let your bucket down where you are.  
EMMA OWENS, State Organizer and Deputy.

Inverness, Miss., Feb. 8, 1930.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in The Courier to say a few words about our Lodge, New Hope, No. 267. In spite of obstacles we shall not be handicapped. We mean to go to the top with the Lord to help us. We are young in age, but old in mind. We can't fail with such strong minded leaders as "Cousin Tom," Dr. Miller, and our great worthy Editor, Brother E. L. Twine. I am yours for the Order and for Christ,  
SARAH ALLEN, R. S.  
W. L. ALLEN, F. S.

Lamont, Miss.—Dear Editor: Please allow space to say a word about The Afro-American Sons and Daughters. We had a member to sleep away in death Dec. 7, 1929. It was our loss, but heaven's gain. Mr. John Bolden was a faithful member in the Afro. He belonged to the Afros only one year and they gave to his beneficiary seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars. It was paid in less than one week after his death. The Afro is the best Lodge in the world. It pays while you live, and helps those depending on you when you are gone. It gives free hospitalization to its members. If you would go to Yazoo City, Miss., you would be surprised to see the Afro-American Hospital. It has 32 rooms, modern in every way. When I think about the Afros, I think about a million dollar concern. In a few years, the Afros will be worth to our race five million (\$5,000,000.00) dollars. Prof. Huddleston is leading the Afros like Moses led the children of Israel. He is a broad hearted man; he has love for our race. Farmers are protected by the Afros. During the month of November Prof. Huddleston saved a farm which was about to be sold under the hammer. The man of the farm asked Prof. Huddleston to lend him some money, and he wrote a check for seven (\$7,000.00) dollars. He wrote it with a smile. I am proud that I am an Afro. I am doing all I can to build up my Lodge, No. 425. Yours for success,  
ROOSEVELT FREEMAN, R. S.

Flora, Miss., Feb. 2, 1930.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in your paper for the first time to say a few words about Woodman Hill Lodge, No. 315. We are only four months old and we are growing stronger and stronger every day. We have fifty members and still increasing every month. We are doing fine. So may God bless the Founder of this organization, our honorable T. J. Huddleston. Yours for the work,  
A. M. MITCHELL, F. S.  
W. J. JOHNSON, Pres.  
CORA T. GIBBS, R. C.

Carthage, Miss., Jan. 29, 1930.—Rev. E. L. Twine, Jackson, Miss. Dear Rev. Twine: Since you are making The Courier so interesting each month, and as I enjoy reading your editorials so much, I have decided to write you a personal letter. I, too, am an Afro and I am very much interested in the work of the Afros. My Lodge is small, yet we are growing. I am sending a short report. I read of your new appointment and I realize that your work is heavy. I don't want Mississippi to fail in The National Baptist Jubilee Campaign. So if there is anything we can do to

help you, we are willing. It seems that I know you personally as I read of you so often. Do you know Prof. W. W. Blackburn? He is a fine friend of ours. Yours truly,  
MR. HATTIE J. DODSON.

Durant, Miss., Jan. 18, 1930.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in your paper about Lodge No. 203 of Durant. We are few in number, but a faithful few, and we are growing very fast with our straight forward Financial Secretary and faithful followers. We will soon be one of the big ones. Our slogan is 250 members by the sitting of the Grand Lodge. We mean to put our shoulders together and put the 1930 program over.  
MRS. H. W. CLAY, Reporter.

Dear Editor: Please allow space in your paper to say a few words about New Zion Lodge, No. 243. We are but few in number, but we are trying to press forward and do the best we can by putting on drives, etc., to make the membership grow. May God bless the Custodian.  
BRO. T. L. WEST, Pres.  
BRO. EUGENE SMITH, R. S.  
BRO. WILLIE SMITH, F. S.

Minter City, Miss., Jan. 24, 1930.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in The Courier to say a few words of my Deputyship. In spite of the bad weather for January and all that kind of thing, I have written 42 members and I mean to stay on the job.  
MARY WAFFORD, Reporter.

Sidon, Miss., Jan. 18, 1930.—Dear Editor: Please allow space to mention the fact that Willow Grove Lodge, No. 715, met on Monday night, Jan. 20, with every member present. Our worthy organizer, Dr. R. J. LaFrance, who organized us, was with us. We had a lovely time in our meeting on New Year's evening also. Brother LaFrance turned the meeting over to the Lord at the change of the year. We sure love this Order and are working hard and are looking forward to a visit from our most beloved "Cousin Tom." We are not two years old, but our membership is 53. We are striving to reach the top. May God bless the Founder, T. J. Huddleston. May he continue to do great work.  
SAM GILMORE, Pres.  
LANNIE STEFWAY, F. S.  
ROSIE L. LEE, R. S.

Carthage, Miss., Jan. 29, 1930.—Dear Editor: Please allow space to say a word about our Lodge, No. 223, at Piggm Rest, Carthage. We are few in number, yet we are growing. Our motto is, "Climb, though the rocks be rugged." We have that Afro-American spirit and we are faithful. We pray God's richest blessings upon our faithful Custodian, our beloved President, Dr. Miller, and the Editor, Rev. Twine. Yours truly,  
SIS. HATTIE J. JORDAN, F. S.

Woodyard Community, Belzoni, Miss., Jan. 22, 1930.—Dear Editor: Please allow space in your paper to say a word for Woodyard Community Lodge. We are getting along just fine and are trying to hold up the banner. We pray God's blessings on our Custodian.  
JOE MASSEY, Pres.

## GRAND LECTURER'S VISITS.

G. V. Johnson, Jr.

Silver City, Miss., Feb. 21, 1930.—Dear Editor: I visited Richey Lodge at Richey, Miss., and Sister Rebecca Boykins, F. S. A fine program was rendered by the Juvenile Band. Richey Lodge has the Afro spirit. A real banquet was the last to be remembered of our meeting.

Feb. 24 I visited Louise Lodge No. 4 and Sister Arrie Foaman had a splendid program rendered. Many good words were said in the favor of the Afros.

Feb. 25 I visited Belzoni Lodge No. 2, Sister Lela Polk, F. S. Four new members were added to Sister Georgia Cuba's number, F. S. of Woodyard Lodge, Belzoni. This was a rainy night and a very cold night, but ice cream and cake were served.

March 3 I visited Lovefeast Lodge, Louise, Miss. Bro. Peter Pool, F. S. Due to close notice and bad weather only a few were present, but we had a lovely meeting.

March 7 I visited Zion Travelers Lodge, Isola, Miss. Sister Minnie Tatum, F. S. With the co-operation of Sister Tatum and others I was able to add three new members. The last item on the wonderful program was a rich banquet.

March 17 I visited Kosciusko Lodge, Kosciusko, Miss. Sister D. L. Turner, F. S. This lodge had the co-operation of Kosciusko's new lodge to be installed soon. I also visited C. M. C. College while being in Kosciusko to see the new building that was built by the Afros. The President, W. A. Reed, is a real Afro.

March 20 I visited Pickens Lodge, Brother Elijah Sutherland, F. S., who met me at the train with the Afro spirit and I left him with the same spirit. By working very hard Brother Sutherland had a good crowd present, and rendered a splendid program. To all who want to know why Brother Sutherland's Lodge is leading the Afros, ask me.

As the Afro-American Sons and Daughters is making rapid progress, as you all know, I am asking each lodge to invite the public out and we will assure you that we will add new members to your camp. Out-of-town lodges please see that some one meet me at your nearest station. I am asking and looking forward to your co-operation in this effort. Don't forget your date.  
Fraternally yours,  
G. V. JOHNSON, JR.,  
Box 137, Silver City, Miss.

## MUST HAVE SEALS.

All lodges are requested to buy Seals for the Lodge. The President is the proper person to hold the Seal. All Silk Claims must be sealed by the President hereafter. So if you haven't a Seal, it will be wise to get one.

## CUSTODIAN'S

Our dues will have to be paid instead of thirty. Members and by reporting late, causes their same time they expect sick dues. This is against the code, 7, Section 2.

Lodges must hold their session provides that all members ship in some local lodge.—Page 1

All lodges must hold their anniversary in September and send in their \$6.00. While the education of the duty of man, it is also state requirement in our article of Incorporation.—Article 2, Article 23.

SICK DUES.—This part of stood, more abused than any er does not understand what He read about the full benefit. A full benefit confined to bed for a week under treatment of a doctor make a living.

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When sick claim American Sons and the goose that lays the not only exist, but must make progress. Article 17.

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GRAND LECTURER's a aue, needed on the to inspire and give inspiration. Lodge's receiving dates for visits should make preparations and by all means entertain the speaker.

SUPREME INSPECTOR.—This lodge shall enjoy a Supreme Inspector, whose duty shall be to visit lodges, settle disputes and shall serve as a Lecturer and Organizer as well.

Our Juveniles have doubled since the last Grand Lodge under the leadership of Sister C. B. Clark as Grand Juvenile Mother. No lodge can be a Number 1 without a Juvenile. You must get up the Juvenile numbers and send for the Juvenile Mother to organize them.

## AN ACCOUNT OF THE CUSTODIAN'S VISITS.

The Custodian made a visit to Hyman Chapel March 3. Bro. B. J. Franklin, F. S. Before service, the Custodian was the guest of Bro. and Sister Gould, who spread a feast before him and his company. They soon entered the meeting which was full of interest. About ten (10) new members were added.

March 4 the Custodian made a visit to Leland, Miss. This was a membership drive. Sister L. T. North worked hard to make the meeting a success. Bro. Congo and his co-workers joined the drive with such force that the meeting went over the top with thirty (30) new members in Leland, Miss. The Leland Lodge will be in the one hundred column in the near future, if not now.

March 5 the Custodian set up the Morning Star Lodge at Gunnison, Miss. This Lodge was made possible through the influence of the Rev. Drew, of Shaw, Miss.

March 13 the Custodian spoke on the platform with Judge Patterson, of Natchez, Miss. Amongst the many things that the good Judge said was: "I have read the contract of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters and I may say here that it is the most concise, shortest and most plainly understood contract and the very best consideration for the money than any contract that I ever reviewed." This Natchez number was organized by Mrs. C. E. and L. L. Winston, and through their work and the influence of others 165 new members were added to the Natchez membership.

The Custodian was with Bro. D. W. Kelly on the 16th. Bro. Kelly is the Superintendent for Louisiana. We motored to Lake Providence, where the Custodian spoke and added about 10 members. Then on Monday night, the 17th, all members then turned out to the K. P. hall and gladly heard the good news about the Afros. A ship drive was then and there launched for the April 28. The drive is expected to end up with seventy-five new members.

March 23 the Custodian spoke at Banks, Miss. members were added, and a drive put on by Moss, State Organizer. Sunday night the Custodian at St. Peter's A. M. E. Church at Tunica, Miss. A n with 17 new members. This lodge also was left in of Sister Jessie Moss.

## ANOTHER GIFT FOR THE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Mary Allen sends six pillow cases for the Afro Hospital. Many thanks to Sister for the wonderful donation.